

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Casebolt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. In attendance with Mayor Casebolt were Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 1 Councilwoman Donna Boggs, Ward 3 Councilman Joe Murphy, Councilmen at Large Bill Javins and Andy Shamblin, Councilwoman at Large Emily Barr, City Attorney Johnnie Brown, and City Treasurer John Young. Ward 2 Councilwoman Cynthia McGill and Ward 4 Councilman Michael Hill were not present.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman Shamblin and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Murphy.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Dave Casebolt said the future dates of Council are June 15, July 6 and July 20.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2021 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. THE MOTION PASSED.

RECORDER RITA COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2021 AND THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to be addressed under this agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "CROWN" NON-DISCRIMINATION IN THE CITY AND IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA: RECORDER RITA COX MADE THE MOTION THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "CROWN" (CREATE A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR) IN THE CITY AND IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. Recorder Cox said that Nitro should reflect a spirit of inclusivity and progress and by recognizing the need to support the "CROWN" Act we are doing that. She said that she is endorsing taking the next step which would be to pass an ordinance to give the support of law behind the spirit of "CROWN." THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION.

BUDGET REVISION/COAL SEVERANCE: RECORDER RITA COX MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE COAL SEVERANCE BUDGET REVISION WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS FOR THE MOTION.

TREASURER REPORT: COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS FROM THE TREASURER WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Johnnie Brown said he did not have a report to present but he said he was working on several items for the city.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Casebolt said he had put together a committee to plan city wide yard sales with the yearly dates to be the first weekend in June and the first weekend in October.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nitro resident Allen Nease said that he lives on the corner of Frederick Street and Kapok Street and he is concerned about the flooding. Mayor Casebolt said that the city had funded a study to address the flooding and representatives of the city has been in touch with Senator Capito to help fund the project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Stephens said there will be a Cruise In on Friday, June 5 at 5:00 pm in on Second Avenue and 20th Street. He said there will be a movie at the Nitro Library outside on the parking lot on Tuesday, June 8, and the public can stay in cars or bring something to sit outside.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MURPHY AND THERE WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER